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TOPIC Werneuchen AirfieldEVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED

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1. Thirty twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly were standing in the western section of the Werneuchen (N 53/V 06) airfield on 5 April 1950. There were 21 planes of the same type in the northern section. Included among these aircraft were planes with one and two cockpits, scattered without any discernible order. The aircraft, as far as could be seen, had red propeller hubs and were painted gray-green on the top and blue on the undersurface. There was no flying between 3:45 and 5:15 p.m.

2. There was no hard-surface runway at the field. AA gun emplacements were not seen. Five fuel containers, each of an estimated capacity of 250,000 liters, were in the southwest corner of the field. Soldiers wearing blue epaulets were quartered in the settlement southwest of the field. There were mostly officers with dependents in the settlement south of the field. All soldiers seen in Werneuchen wore blue epaulets.

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3. Thirty twin-engine aircraft and one biplane were standing in front of the hangars on 13 April 1950. All hangars except one were closed. The open hangar was open and vacant.

4. There were individual and formation flights of up to three planes in variable weather. One plane was towing a sleeve target but practice firing was not seen.

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5. The quarters were along the road south of the field. Local residents said that about 15 medium AA guns had arrived at the Werneuchen railroad station about eight weeks before and that they were unloaded and hauled to the airfield.

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* [] Comment: Information on the status of the airfield [] agrees with reports by []

** [] Comment: The occupation of the airfield by two bomber regiments has apparently not changed compared with previous reports by []. The presence of twin-engine aircraft with one or two cockpits was repeatedly confirmed. It has not been determined whether **the two types** are employed for different purposes.

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